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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action mailed on March 3, 2003, applicant responds to the Official Action as follows:

In the Specification:

Please modify the paragraph at page 11, lines 1-30, as follows:

Analog pre-processing circuitry 115 processes the captured image from image sensor 110. The pre-processing circuitry 115 can include a correlated double sampling (CDS) circuit, a gain adjust circuit, and an offset adjust circuit (all not shown for simplicity) and can be used to perform various functions such as CDS for reduction of low frequency read-out noise from the image sensor and offset of sense amplifiers, color filter array (CFA) interpolation algorithms for color, gamma correction, white balancing, and automatic gain control (AGC) for optimizing the dynamic range for analog/multi-level storage. The pre-processed image signal is converted to a voltage for storage in a high density, high speed analog/multi-level memory 210, such as disclosed in commonly-owned U.S. Pat. App. Serial

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